Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Metropolitan Planning Organization IPOC Consultation Meeting 2:00 PM, Wednesday, May 10th, 2006 SIRPC Offices, Versailles, Indiana

Attendees: Frank Baukert, INDOT-Planning Steve Smith, INDOT-Planning

Bob Koehler-OKI Jim Ude, INDOT-Seymour District

• Steve Smith, the manager of the INDOT Long Range Planning Section, began with a brief introduction. He said that the purpose of the meeting was to get the input of our local planning partners on the projects that are candidates for the 2016 year of the INDOT 10 Year Construction Plan also known as Major Moves. INDOT also wanted input on the projects in the 2017-2020 portion of the INDOT Long Range Plan to ensure that when we meet again in one year, we will have the best set of candidates for 2017. INDOT also wanted assistance with scoring projects under Indiana Planning Oversight Committee (IPOC) process. Finally, we wanted to discuss changes to INDOT's corridor hierarchy system and the implementation of an access management policy.

- Since there were no projects in the MPO area in Major Moves and no 2016 candidates, the discussion focused on the two projects that OKI had asked INDOT to amend into its plan- the US-50 Tanners Creek Bridge and Added Travel Lanes on Belleview Drive.
- The Tanners Creek Bridge project involves the construction of an elevated bridge over the creek, floodwall, and railroad parallel to the existing bridge. This bridge would create a two-way pair system over Tanners Creek. The City of Lawrenceburg was paying 100% of the cost of the project. The project is currently being reviewed by INDOT for safety and engineering feasibility.
- Belleview Drive connects US-50/SR-1 with I-275. It is also the local name for SR-1 between Ridge Avenue and US-50. Bill Koehler clarified that the MPO's amendment included adding lanes to SR-1 north of US-50.
- The first part of this project consisted of adding one lane to eastbound Belleview Drive. Currently, eastbound Belleview Drive is 3 lanes for a short distance east of US-50. The right lane ends for a short distance and restarts just before the I-275 southbound on-ramp. The project would make the right lane continuous to avoid unnecessary weaving movements.
- The second part involved adding lanes on Belleview Drive (SR-1) between Nowlin Avenue and US-50. The road is currently a two lane facility with 90 degree turns at Ridge Ave and Oberting Rd. There are additional turning lanes at the US-50/SR-1 intersection.
- The US-50 Gateway and Corridor Studies which are currently underway were discussed.
- The need for improvements on SR-1 north of Nowlin Avenue was discussed. There is a great deal of residential development taking place north of Lawrenceburg along the SR-1 corridor. SR-1 has become a major commuter route between eastern Dearborn County and the greater Cincinnati-area.
- Steve Smith discussed the changes to INDOT's Mobility Corridor System. Based upon the recommendations from the Central Indiana Suburban Transportation and Mobility Study (CISTMS), a proposed new corridor connecting I-74 & SR-46 near Greensburg with I-69 between Anderson and Muncie. This corridor would be located between SR-9 and SR-3. The CISTMS Study characterized this project as "a solution in search of a problem." The recommendation was to remove the corridor from the system, designate SR-3 as a Statewide Mobility Corridor, and focus future efforts to improving this facility. In conjunction with this change, INDOT was adopting a new access management policy manual which attempted to link the mobility corridor system with access management. INDOT had hired a consultant to develop a draft policy. Copies of it were distributed and the MPO was asked for their input.